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AIRFRAME PLANT

PEIPING, CHINA

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

CONSIDERABLE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IS EVIDENT THROUGHOUT THE PLANT AREA. THE PLANT CONTAINS STRUCTURES WHICH COULD POSSIBLY ASSOCIATE IT WITH MISSILE PRODUCTION.

2. REMARKS:

IN JUNE 1959 THE PEIPING AIRFRAME PLANT CONTAINED 1,208,825 SQ FT OF FLOORSPACE. BETWEEN JUNE 1959 AND AUGUST 1962, DESPITE THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TECHNICIANS AND THE MATERIAL SHORTAGES CAUSED BY THE "GREAT LEAP FORWARD," AN ADDITIONAL 1,787,325 SQ FT WERE CONSTRUCTED. BETWEEN AUGUST 1962 AND SEPTEMBER 1965 ANOTHER 680,125 SQ FT WERE ADDED FOR A TOTAL OF 3,676,275 SQ FT.

3. LOCATION:

7.5 NM SOUTH OF THE CENTER OF PEIPING AND ADJACENT TO THE PEIPING/NAN-YUAN AIRFIELD AT 3948N 11625E.

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5. FIRST IDENTIFIED:



6. NEGATION DATE:

NONE.

7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE:



AND 13 KH MISSIONS.

8. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS:

PROBABLE VERTICAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING: 220 X

180 FT. HIGH BAY SECTION: 195 X 110 X 75 FT.

PROBABLE HYDROSTATIC TEST TOWER: 40 X 40 X

75 FT.

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9. MISSION READOUT: THIS MISSION REVEALS THAT AT LEAST 3 NEW BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN ADDED SINCE [REDACTED] ONE OF THESE, AN AIRCRAFT ENGINE TEST BUILDING, CONTAINS 2 ENGINE TEST CELLS. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY APPEARS TO BE HEAVY THROUGHOUT THE PLANT AREA. THREE LONG RAIL CARS, APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] ARE ADJACENT TO THE TRANSHIPMENT BUILDINGS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PLANT.

A REANALYSIS OF PHOTOGRAPHY HAS REVEALED TWO STRUCTURES WHICH COULD ASSOCIATE THIS PLANT WITH MISSILE PRODUCTION. THE TWO STRUCTURES ARE IDENTIFIED AS A PROBABLE VERTICAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING AND A PROBABLE HYDROSTATIC TEST TOWER. NEITHER OF THESE STRUCTURES WAS PRESENT ON [REDACTED] HOWEVER, ON [REDACTED] BOTH BUILDINGS APPEARED TO BE IN THE LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION.

THE FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED AT PEIPING/NAN-YUAN AIRFIELD:

3 BEAGLE

1 FARMER

41 FAGOT

1 CAB

1 COLT

[REDACTED]

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